A National Centre for Disaster Management (NCDM) was set up by the Central Government in the year 1995 and housed in the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) at New Delhi, primarily for the purpose of providing human resource development support in disaster management. Additionally, 24 Natural Disaster Management Faculties have also been created in the States for providing Human Resource Development (HRD) support at the State level.

Criminal hiding in other countries

†1582. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many criminals who are wanted in India are hiding in foreign countries and are not being repatriated to India despite their being apprehended; and

(b) if so, the details of action Government are taking to bring such criminals into India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Some of the Indian criminals, who are hiding/residing abroad, have been located and arrested. Necessary steps have been initiated as per laws for getting these criminals extradited/ deported back to India:

Laxity of cops in guarding American Centre

1583. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned, "Cops guarding US Centre prove they are no good", appearing in Hindustan Times on 10th October, 2002;

(b) whether the security personnel guarding the American Centre has again on 9th October, 2002 proved incompetent even after a militant attack on 22nd January and a probe was ordered;

(c) if so, what are the results of the probe; and

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(d) the steps being taken to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANANI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Observance of NHRC

1584. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission recently observed that the Prime Minister should translate its rhetoric into action as to restore the confidence of minorities in the country; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and action proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In a National Round-table on Communalism and Human Rights organized by the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore on 4-8-2002, the Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission has only referred to the anguish expressed by the Prime Minister and asked all people to translate rhetoric into action to restore the confidence of the minorities.

Killing of dalits

†1585. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item published on the front page of the Rashtriya Sahara dated 19th October 2002 under the caption, "Police Ko Ghoos Na Milne Ke Karan Mare Gaye Dalit";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the action taken by Government to provide relief to the victims and to penalise the culprits; and

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